

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application and acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 3-8 contain allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3 and intervening claim 2. Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. Claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 1. Claim 6 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 1 as filed. Claim 7 is amended for proper punctuation. Claim 9 and 10 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants reserving the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter of these cancelled claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Fogle (U.S. 6,035,618) has been rendered moot. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are in order, and such action is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary during prosecution, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fees not

otherwise provided for, including processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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